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1. FULLY CONCUR WITH POST VIEWS PARA 6 REF. A THAT SINCE
MAI HUU LOI HAS CLOSE RELATIVES IN FRANCE HE SHOULD MAKE
MEANINGFUL APPLICATION TO RESETTLE THERE AND SHOULD

SIMILARLY BE MEANINGFULLY CONSIDERED BY GOF.

2. AS STATED REF. C. PARA 27, U.S. CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT ALL INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES WHOSE FIRST CHOICE IS TO GO TO U.S. NUMBERS AUTHORIZED FOR U.S. PAROLE PROGRAMS ARE JUST TOO FEW, COMPARED TO TOTAL NUMBER OF BOAT REFUGEES, FOR U.S. TO TAKE ALL THOSE WHO SIMPLY WANT TO COME HERE, REGARDLESS OF OTHER FACTORS. THIS WILL HOLD TRUE EVEN IF NEW 25,000 PAROLE PROGRAM IS AUTHORIZED, SINCE A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF THESE NUMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR LAND REFUGEES, AND ESCAPES ARE RISING STEEPLY. WE HOPE OTHER COUNTRIES WILL AT LEAST TAKE THOSE WITH

THOSE WITH SPECIAL TIES TO THEM, AS IN CASE OF MAI HUU LOI.

3. REF. C PARAS 10 AND 15 RESPECTIVELY SPELLED OUT U.S. POLICY IN JAPAN OF PROCESSING UNDER IPP-78 BOAT REFUGEES WHO WERE EITHER INS APPROVED UNDER IPP-77 BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM WHEN NUMBERS RAN OUT, OR ELSE WHO WERE NEWLY ARRIVED AND WERE REGISTERED WITH UNHCR AFTER FEB. 1, 1978. THE POLICY THAT BEFORE REFUGEES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR U.S. PAROLE THEY BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT CANNOT MEANINGFULLY ASSIST IN SOLUTION OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEM UNLESS THERE IS A BONA FIDE, NOT SIMPLY PRO FORMA, EFFORT TO FIND RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE FOR THOSE NOT IN CATEGORY I ON PART OF REFUGEES, UNHCR, AND JVR REP. SUBJECT CASE HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPERLY HANDLED, AND THEREFORE IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN UPCOMING PROGRAM.

4. FUKUOKA AND TOKYO SHOULD CONVEY ABOVE TO BOTH CARITAS AND UNHCR REPS. WE ALSO PLAN TO RAISE WITH U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OFFICIALS HERE OUR CONCERN ABOUT JVR REP PUSHING VIEW, CONTRARY TO USG POLICY, THAT U.S. SHOULD ACCEPT ANY REFUGEE WHO WANTS TO COME HERE.

5. GENEVA SHOULD EXPRESS SIMILAR CONCERN TO UNHCR THAT REP IN JAPAN DOES NOT SEEM IN MAI HUU LOI CASE TO BE DOING HIS BEST TO PROMOTE MAXIMUM ACCEPTANCE BY ALL COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. VANCE

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